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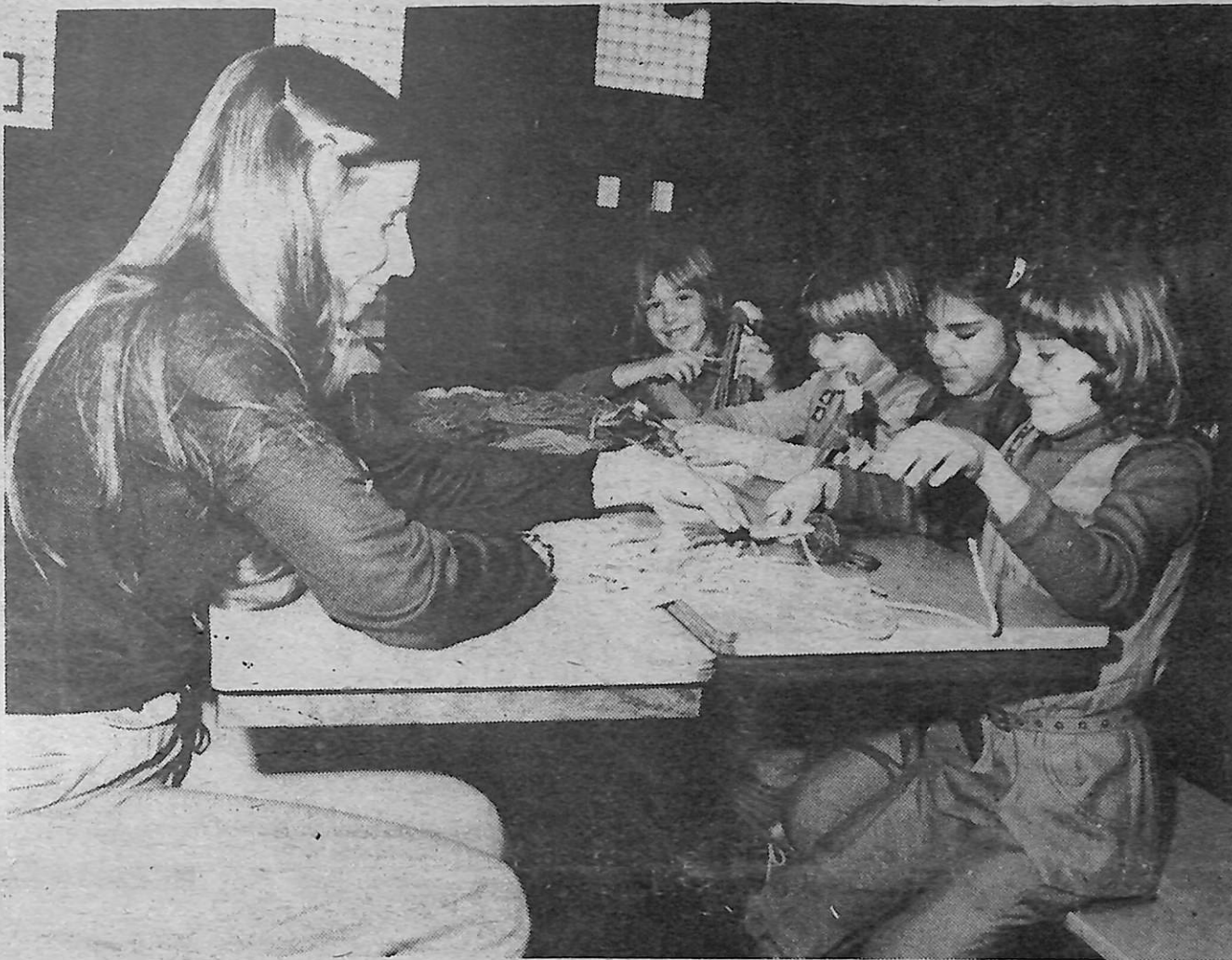
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Youngsters in Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council Brownie Troop 544 in Agawam work busily on a crafts project at a recent weekly meeting. From left to right are: Volunteer leader Mrs. Deborah LaValley; Stephanie Murawski of 54 Rosie Lane; Melissa Renaldi of 56 Pineview Circle; Kimerly Galarneau of 42 Mallard Circle; and Kristen Auger of 165 Pineview Circle. Members of this United Way of Pioneer Valley sponsored troop meet at the James Clark School.

ABA Sub-Committee Criticizes Music Shell

The three man ad hoc committee set up by the Agawam's Businessman's Association to investigate the procedures of the Library Building Committee today criticized the renewed interest in the \$60,000 outdoor music shell.

At press time, town councilor Paul Fieldstad, who served on the Building Committee for the new library with Richard Borgatti and George Bickford, was scheduled to put forth a motion asking the council to re-consider their 14-1 vote against the music shell project last November. Fieldstad told the Advertiser/News that he has some council support and hopes to muster the majority vote needed to approve construction of the shell, which would be located behind the new Cooper Street Library.

According to the ABA ad hoc committee, consisting of Gerry Zerra, Arthur Leary and Joseph Napolitan, the town need not spend the funds on the music shell. According to Fieldstad, approximately \$80,000 of leftover funds remains from the new facility which cost approximately \$800,000. In a statement to the Advertiser/News, the ABA contends that the remaining \$80,000 is Agawam's money and does not have to be returned to the federal government if the music shell fails to receive council approval.

The ABA cited a phone conversation with John Corrigan, Atlantic Regional Director of the U.S. Economic Development Agency on May 4th, as giving indication that leftover funding could remain in the community. The EDA supplied \$608,000 of the

library's cost while Agawam paid \$192,000 in matching funds. Those figures equal a 75%-25% funding ratio.

"In that phone conversation we asked Corrigan if Fieldstad's contention that the town will have to send three-fourths of the money back if the shell is not built and he told us 'no', the money is ours," a member of the ABA sub-committee stated. "The town does not need this music shell and its just a waste of money."

According to Fieldstad however, the excess of \$80,000 would provide the town with a badly needed cultural facility and that both EDA and Town Manager Peter Caputo support the project. Fieldstad said approximately \$60,000 would have to be sent back to the federal government if the shell is not constructed and that \$20,000 would remain in the community.

"I really don't see how people can say we can keep the money when the EDA told us we cannot keep the money and put it toward taxes. If we don't construct the shell, then three quarters of the money goes back to EDA," Fieldstad stated.

When the council nixed the project construction last November, \$8100 in engineering and preliminary design had already been spent on the music shell. Prior approval

Committee to commence with the construction. However, when Caputo brought the matter before the council, 14 of the elected officials denied further construction.

Fieldstad said if the music shell is not approved by the council on May 7th, the status of the \$8100 and who will be responsible for the money remains in doubt until the overall audit of the entire operation takes place.

"Right now, I really cannot tell you what will happen until that audit comes out if the shell fails to pass before the council. We just might have to eat that money ourselves." According to Fieldstad, the town and the EDA have yet to hire a firm to conduct the audit.

Jack Stone, Director of Public Works for Agawam said that his interpretation of EDA guidelines specifically state that, "In case of under runs, the excess funds can either be used to expand the project or else the money has to be returned on a 3-1 ratio." Stone, who served as Agawam's EDA official during the library's construction, said that in some cases, the EDA would allow the community to use the excess funds for something other than the original project, "if that project could not further be expanded."

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Beautification Planting Planned

The Agawam Beautification Committee will begin the annual planting of flowers and shrubs. The members are requested to meet on Monday, May 21, at 6 p.m. at the DePalma Triangle on Springfield Street.

The annual awards program will take place in the fall; meanwhile, places of business in town are urged to make improvements in their surroundings to qualify as candidates for the awards.

Last fall, Mushy's was chosen to be the recipient of an Award of Appreciation for

the most outstanding improvement in landscaping in Agawam.

The Agawam Beautification Committee is appealing to each and every resident of town to fix up, pick up, and spruce up yards, lawns, treebelts, and homes to make Agawam a nicer place in which to live and play.

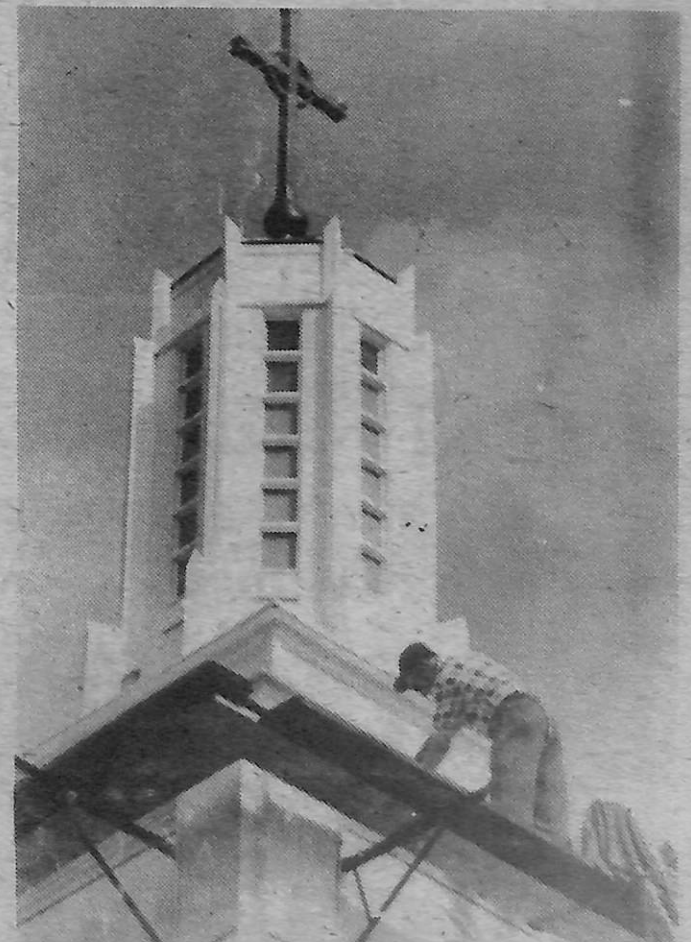
The following people are members of the Beautification Committee: Barbara Castellanos, Zoafia Demke, Charlotte Haynes, chairperson, Rosalie Hermans, Frank Hess, Helen Lawrenchuk, Bernard LeDuc, Elaine Marieb, Geraldine Nordal, Reidar Nordal, Anthony Shelankas, Nathan Sherwood, William Thorpe, and Frances Warga.

First Winner Chosen

The first drawing for the Red Sox baseball tickets was held this week. The subscriber whose name was selected at a random drawing was: Mr. James Lowell, 37 Gunn-Geary Lane, Agawam, Mass. Mr. Lowell will be contacted as to when he can pick up his two free Red Sox tickets!

Congratulations to Mr. Lowell, and remember, it is not too late to be in the running for future drawings. All subscribers are eligible, so if you do not presently subscribe, fill out the coupon on page 20 and mail it today!!

**WIN
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see page 20 for
details



Its a sure sign of spring...this gentleman is sprucing up St. John's church on Main Street. photo by Jack Devine

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday May 9

6:30 POCO, LITTLE DOG LOST
An incredible journey home-ward (G-1:29)
8:00 UP CLOSE
Kate Jackson.
9:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Set in Vietnam countryside of 15 years ago (R-1:54)
11:00 MARTIN MULL
Funnyman from Fernwood 2-Night.
12:00 MUSIC THEN AND NOW
Host Mort Sahl.

Thursday May 10

5:00 SCALPEL
Soap-opera star Judith Chap-man (PG-1:35)
7:00 THE OLYMPIAD
The Marathon. Includes rare footage dating from 1908.
8:00 THE LOVE BUG
Great clown! (G-1:47)
10:00 EYES OF LAURA MARS
Murder and mystery in fashion milieu (R-1:43)
12:00 THE MANITOU
Eerie tale with dazzling special effects (PG-1:44)

Friday May 11

6:30 SUMMERDOG
The adventures of a loving stray pooch who will win your heart (G-1:30)
8:00 A STAR IS BORN
Rock superstars: Barbra Strei-sand on the way up; Kris Kris-tofferson on the long slide down (R-2:20)
10:30 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
Top comedy entertainment from L.A.'s Improvisation West (1:08)
12:00 SEMI-TOUGH
Refreshing comedy satire with Burt Reynolds and Jill Clay-burgh (R-1:47)

Saturday May 12

2:30 NICKELODEON
Crazy days of early filmmaking (PG-2:02)
4:30 STINGRAY
Sherry Jackson (*The Rockford Files*) (PG-1:39)
6:30 MUSIC THEN AND NOW
Great '60s superstars. Who they were. Where they are.
8:00 SPEEDTRAP
Action drama (PG-1:38)
10:00 STINGRAY
Christopher Mitchum, son of Robert (PG-1:39)
12:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Burt Lancaster (R-1:54)

Sunday May 13

3:00 POCO, LITTLE DOG LOST
A lovable pooch (G-1:29)
4:30 THE LOVE BUG
Andy Granatelli (G-1:47)
6:30 LEGENDS
The great Bogart—his life and movies.
7:00 THE OLYMPIAD
Repeat of Thursday show.
8:00 PSYCHIC FOLLIES
SRO. Bill Bixby hosts.
9:00 UP CLOSE
Shirley MacLaine.
10:00 SEMI-TOUGH
Kris Kristofferson (R-1:47)
12:00 MARTIN MULL
He's quick. He's funny.

Monday May 14

6:00 SCALPEL
Gripping thriller full of surpris-es (PG-1:35)
8:00 THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES
Farmer seeks revenge on a ma-rauding band of ruthless out-laws (PG-2:16)
10:30 EYES OF LAURA MARS
Cover-girl Lisa Taylor in screen debut (R-1:43)
12:30 THE MANITOU
Stella Stevens runs a shop of the occult (PG-1:44)

Tuesday May 15

6:30 POCO, LITTLE DOG LOST
Benji's rival for America's heartstrings (G-1:29)
8:00 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP GYMNASTICS
"Dial National Invitational" from Tucson (tape)
9:00 A STAR IS BORN
Spectacular rock version of a Hollywood classic (R-2:20)
11:30 MUSIC THEN AND NOW
The stars and sounds of the '60s and '70s.

Cabaret Theatre Night

The Agawam Congrega-tional Church, Main Street, Agawam will sponsor a Cabaret Theatre Night of a one-cat comedy, *High Sign*, on May 18th. A happy hour will begin at 8 p.m., and showtime is set for 8:45. Tickets cost \$2 and are limited. Singing waiters and refreshments will also be available. Tickets may be purchased from any Group 1 member of through the church office (786-7111).

Grange Will Meet

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, May 15th, at 8 o'clock in the Grange Home on North West Street. Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, past chairman of the Agawam conservation Commission and a member for six years, will present a slide briefing on the various aspects of the duties and responsibilities of this commission. During the business meeting which will follow the program, Chaplain Clarence Holloway will conduct the annual memorial service for those members who have died during the year. A social hour will follow the meeting with Lillian McDonald as chairperson of the refreshment committee, assisted by Mary and George Draghetti.

School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Menu

Wednesday, May 9: Steamed frankfur in roll, oven baked beans, French fries, peach crisp, milk
Thursday, May 10: Potted beef cubes in gravy on mashed potatoes, rye bread & butter, mixed vegetables, applesauce spice cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.
Friday, May 11: Batter-dip fish, bread & butter, oven French fries, niblet corn, ice cream, milk

Southwick School Menu

Wednesday, May 9: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered mixed vegetables, dessert, milk
Thursday, May 10: RELEASE DAY (out before lunch)
Friday, May 11: Fishburger on bun, tartar sauce, French fries, cole slaw, vanilla pudding, milk
Monday, May 14: American chop suey w/ shredded cheese, buttered corn, bread & butter, chilled applesauce, milk
Tuesday, May 15: Cheeseburger on bun, French fries, lettuce & tomato salad, strawberry jello w/ topping, milk
Wednesday, May 16: Turkey w/ brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, bread & butter, cranberry sauce, cookies, milk
Thursday, May 17: Beef and cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered peas, chilled peaches, milk
Friday, May 18: Tomato rice soup, saltines, cheese sandwich w/ lettuce and tomato, pineapple upside down cake w/ topping, milk

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

Senior Center Menu

5/14: Spinach pie, stewed tomatoes, rice pudding
5/15: Lamb patties, potato puffs, carrots, cookies
5/16: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, beet salad, apple
5/17: Chicken corquettes, mixed vegetables, cake
5/18: Tuna loaf, 3-bean salad, ice cream

Our July trip will go to Saratoga, N.Y. to see the New York City Ballet, visit the historical museum and have a fabulous lunch. Don't miss this unusual and new trip. Date: July 19; Price: \$17.35. We desperately need more people to work as part time homemakers and/or take care of sick seniors. Hours at YOUR convenience. Please call Dorothy or Margaret for details. This is very satisfying and not heavy work. Te. 786-0400, Ext. 242.



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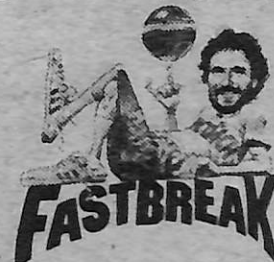
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Godspell Held Over

The Callboard Theatre Company's production of the musical *Godspell* at the new Brass Rail Dinner Theater in Southwick will extend its run to include performances on May 11, 13, 18, and 20.

Critically acclaimed by area theater critics and audiences alike, *Godspell*, the retelling of the parables of the Bible through song and dance, features area performers Chris Gironda, Maureen

Droney, Valerie Peterson, Allen Kmiotek, Brian Norris, Bill Ferron, Evelyn Holland, Brenda Seibert, Michael Cavanaugh, and Carol DiNovis.

The musical is under the direction of Flo Healy, with musical direction by Richard Glashow and musical staging by David Potter, executive artistic director for the Callboard Theatre.

Following *Godspell*,

Callboard Theatre Company will present the 'fractured fairy tale' musical *Once Upon a Mattress*, which is scheduled to open on June 1st and 3rd.

Presented on the Brass Rail's new thrust stage, *Godspell* will be presented on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. respectively. For reservations, call the Brass Rail Restaurant at 569-6372.

Class of '59 Seeking Members

Agawam High School Class of 1959 is planning a 20-year class reunion to be held Saturday, September 29th. Information will be sent to each classmate at the end of June.

The following class members cannot be located: James Donahue, Richard Ewell, Robert Fini, Maxine Gardner, Barbara (Hanna) San. arson, Robert Henry, Gerald Labb, Howard Lamothe, Raymond L'Heureaux, Emilie A. Meyer, William D. Pasquale, Judy E. (Peterson) Western, Richard Stachowicz, Sandra Stewart, Ruth Titus, James Vermerien, Marion Marie Wilkins, Daniel Dudley.

Anyone having any information, please contact Bette (Toriani) Scoville at 786-0510 or Renee (Benjamin) Jury at 786-5580.

Buddy Poppies Sale Slated



Preparing for Poppy Day are from left: Floyd Landers, Town Manager Peter Caputo, John McCarthy, and Town Council President Richard Theroux photo by Jack Devine

A proclamation has recently been issued by Town Council President Richard Theroux urging all Agawam residents to support the upcoming sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the VFW of the United States has been officially recognized by

government leaders since 1922. VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fundraising campaign are used exclusively for the benefits of the disabled and needy veterans as well as for the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.

The basic purpose of the annual sale is reflected in the

desire of the VFW to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living."

The proclamation issued for this sale urges all citizens to buy and wear a Buddy Poppy during the week of May 12 to 19, 1979, as evidence of their gratitude to the men who risked their lives in defense of the freedom enjoyed by American citizens.

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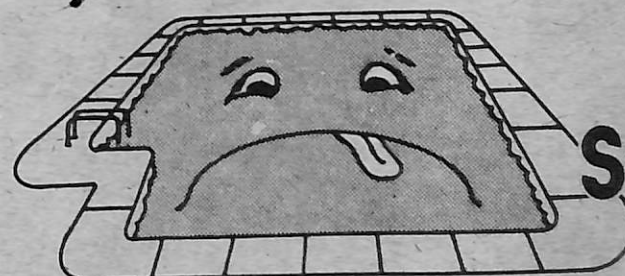
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Treasure Finders Meeting

Monday, May 14 at the Capl. Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, at 7:30 p.m. New England Treasure Finders Association will have a "Caribbean Night."

Club member, Mary Lench will talk about her recent trip to the Caribbean and will show some interesting items and coins she found with a metal detector on her trip.

There will also be a professional slide presentation covering a trip taken by the Adventurers International Association in the Caribbean area.

The general public is encouraged to attend the meeting free of charge, and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

on that figure." The committee said that last summer, Town Treasurer David Galliano confirmed that Agawam would not have to financially participate in the library's construction if the facility was constructed within the \$608,000 grant offered by the government.

"We just want people in Agawam to know that there are those of us who will question the procedures taken by our municipal government when taxpayers money is being thrown around unnecessarily," stated a member of the ad hoc committee who asked not to be identified.

Feldstad told the Advertiser/News that the construction of the music shell could get underway very shortly and "it would be a great thing for all the family members to enjoy."

from the EDA and Caputo allowed the Building Committee "had no right" setting out on the music shell idea in the first place, and that the taxpayers in Agawam should question the original \$8100 spent on the shell. "They dug a hole in the ground and filled it in and now they plan to dig another hole again," members of the sub-committee related.

The ABA three-man committee also stated that the public has been misled on Agawam's share of the project, and qualified this contention by adding, "We could have built a library for the \$608,000 which is just as good as this one. But with an \$800,000 building, we had to put up town money to get the grant. No where in the EDA guidelines did we see Agawam having to put up money to match their original grant if we wanted to build the library



Packaging trees which are being given away free by Westbank are, left side, front to back: Lynn McCarthy, Roxann Tetreault, Steven Flood and Sue Lemieux. Right side, same order: Seth Swift, Michael Flood and Karl Hulsberg. photo by Jack Devine



Paul D'Amato and Anthony Bonavita at recent UNICO Pancake Breakfast. photo by Jack Devine.

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AIC Awards Given To Agawam Residents

Arts Festival Judges Chosen

Mrs. Laila Kain, art critic for the *Springfield Daily News*, and Mrs. Barbara Clark, an experienced craft instructor from Granby, Mass., have been chosen as the judges for Agawam's Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Festival.

This year's festival, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will be held the weekend of June 9th and 10th along Main Street centered on the historic Captain Charles Leonard House. In addition to the plentiful displays of area artists and craftsmen, the trustees of the Capt. Leonard House will be conducting tours of the building, and the Rotary Club of Agawam will conduct a public auction.

Any area artists or craftsmen interested in registering for the event may contact Mrs. Nancy Rosner at 789-0017.



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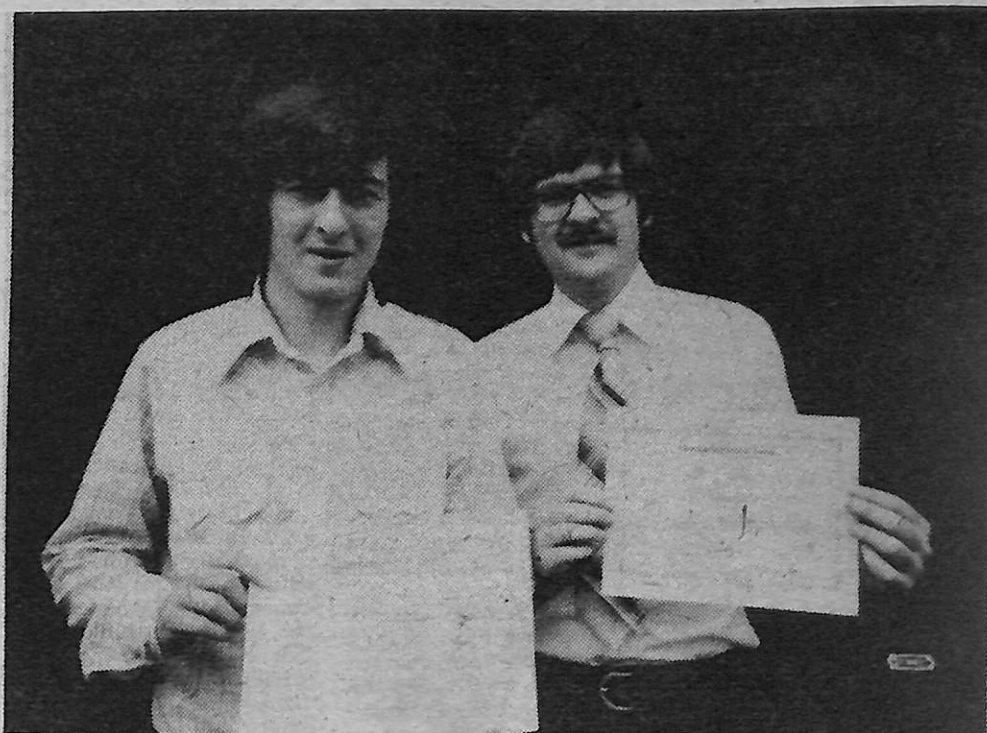
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Peter Theodorowicz, left and Dennis Roberts display the achievement awards they recently received from A.I.C. photo by gail

Last week, three local men received awards for outstanding achievement from American International College.

Dennis Roberts, a graduate of Agawam High School, received an award for outstanding achievement in political science. He is a senior at AIC majoring in political science and will graduate in May.

Mr. Roberts is a member of the Agawam Town Council and is employed by the Big Y supermarket. He plans to attend the University of Hartford this fall to obtain his master's degree.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Roberts of 61 Arbor Lane, Agawam.

Peter Theodorowicz, a sophomore at AIC, received an award for general achievement and excellence in civic subjects. He is a history major at the college and a graduate of Agawam High School.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Theodorowicz of 44 Silver Lake Drive, Agawam.

Craig Rovelli received an award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. He was one of only two freshman who were honored at AIC award night.

Mr. Rovelli is interested in both chemistry and mathematics and plans a career in either computer science or dentistry.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rovelli of 79 Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills.

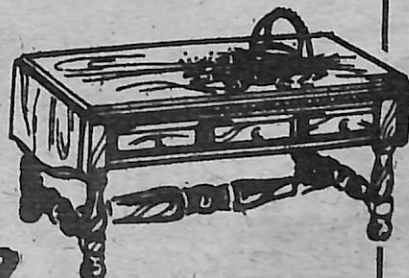
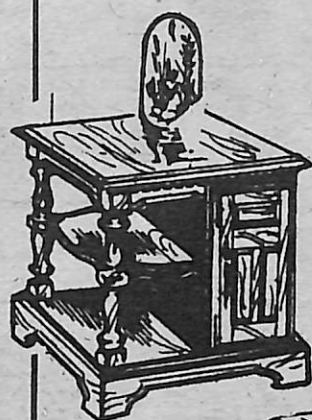


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Shown with their paintings which were on display at the Agawam Senior Center recently are Phyllis Cummings, left, and Hazel Oppenheimer, right. photo by Jack Devine

Lions Celebrate Anniversary

On Thursday, May 17, the Agawam Lions Club will celebrate their 35th anniversary with a party at Chez Josef. This gala event will be attended by Lions and also by family and friends of Lionism.

For 35 years the Town of Agawam has been loyally served by this club. The Lions Club supports all boy and girl scout troops in Agawam, as demonstrated by a recent breakfast when they fed 270 girl scouts. Many other organizations have received an affirmative answer whenever they've asked the Lions to cook and serve to raise money for worthwhile causes.

The Agawam Lions Club has been cited repeatedly for its generous contributions to the Massachusetts Eye Research Center, the Willie Ross School for the Deaf, and books for the blind as well as for our town schools and library.

Tickets for this anniversary celebration may be obtained from any Lions Committee member. A prime rib dinner will be served followed by music furnished by Peanut Butter and Jelly. Try to get out and support those who support us and make the Lions 35th anniversary a success.

Fashion Show Scheduled

LaLeche League of Springfield will present 'Year of the Child' at the Willow Glen House, North Main Street, East Longmeadow, on May 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Fashions for mothers and children will be shown by Hit or Miss, Peacock House, Youth Centre, Jan's Maternity Shop, and shoes by Kitchners. Tickets are available for \$3.50 and the price includes dessert, coffee, and door prizes. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so if you wish to purchase any, contact Dianna Wnobbieski, 199 Dayton Street, Springfield (783-9718).

Nursing Home Week 'Love is Ageless'

National Nursing Home Week will be celebrated by Heritage Hall Nursing and Retirement Homes during the week of May 13 - 20, 1979. This year's theme is "Love Is Ageless."

Local residents are asked to visit a friend or just to visit the nursing home during that week to take advantage of some of the activities programmed for that time.

The following is an activity schedule for that week.

Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day visiting for family and friends - 2 to 8 p.m. in all buildings.

Monday, May 14: Commission of the Blind presentation of services they offer by Susan Patch - 2:30 to 3 o'clock, West Building

Audio-Visual presentation on resident councils - 1:30 to 2:30, South Building

Tuesday, May 15: History of Agawam by Ruth Catchpugh - 2:30, North Bldg. 2nd floor, Wing D

America the Beautiful by Hazel Amidon - 6:30 p.m. West Bldg.

Meet the People by Mrs. Clark, R.N. - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., South Bldg. (An introduction to all departments).

Wednesday, May 16: Bowling Tournament for all buildings

Information on stroke patients by Carol Murray - 6 to 7 p.m., South Bldg.

Thursday, May 17: Blood Pressure Clinic conducted by the Agawam Health Dept. - 2 to 4 p.m., West Bldg.

Diabetic Information and Testing session - 2 to 4 p.m., West Bldg.

Friday, May 18: Mr. & Mrs. Congeniality selected in each building by residents

Resident & Staff Talent Show - 6:30 to 8 p.m., South Bldg.

Information on nursing homes will be available throughout the week by contacting Mrs. Regina Bossig in West Building.

Residents of Agawam are urged to pay particular attention to the Blood Pressure Clinic and Diabetic Information Session to be held on Thursday afternoon, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Practical Experience Keynotes AHS Elections

Class elections at Agawam High School have become a practical learning experience in recent years as the students actually use the town's voting machines to cast their ballots.

The entire election procedure is supervised by the Office of Student Affairs, a student organization whose members are themselves elected to represent the greater student body. The OSA, along with some members of the senior class, began and followed through this year's elections and manned the tables and machines just as is done in local government elections.

According to Mr. Albert Baggetta, faculty advisor to the OSA, the reason for using the town's machines is twofold. "They definitely make the election go more smoothly," he said. "In the past, we've tried hand ballots and even a computer print-

out, but the machines work out best."

Mr. Baggetta added that using the machines is an excellent opportunity for students to prepare for true voting procedures. "In this way, they get the feel of a real election," he commented.

Mr. J. R. Provost, who is custodian of voting machines for the Town of Agawam, programmed one machine with the candidates for whom present juniors would vote and another machine for those present sophomores would choose. He seemed very much at home as this is the fourth year he's performed this job and set the machines exactly as he would for regular town elections. Students voted during their regular English classes as every student has to take English and would thereby get a turn at the polls.

Mr. Baggetta, as well as

members of the Office of Student Affairs, believes the entire election experience is one in which the students should be made aware of the importance of running for office and their duty to vote for those who will represent them.

The following students were elected to serve as next year's senior class officers: Vincent Gingras, president; Sue Garvin, vice president; Maria Cavallo, treasurer; and Dina Gatti, secretary.

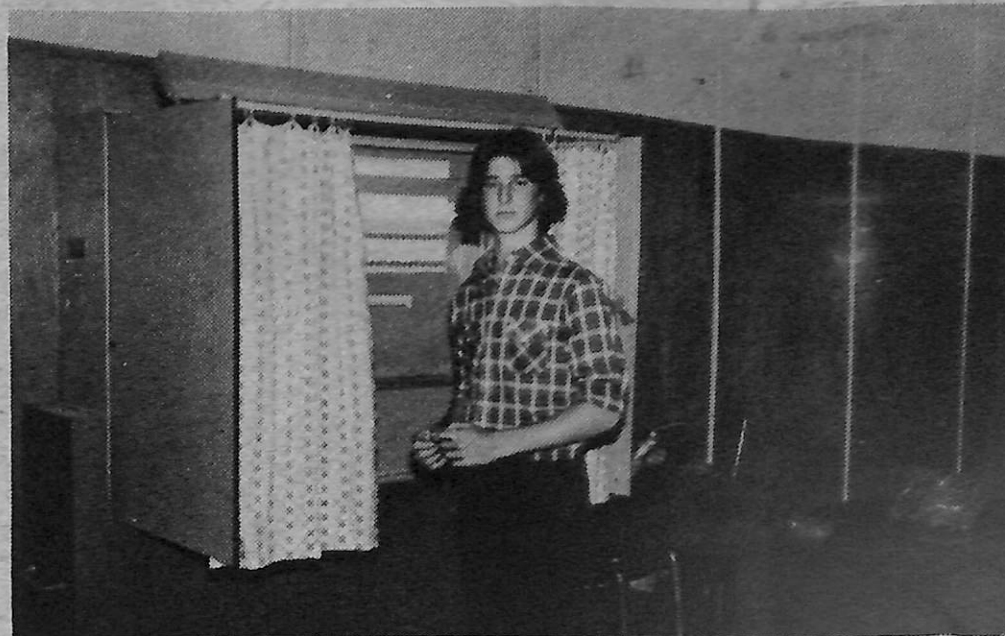
Serving as senior representatives to the Office of Student Affairs will be Lisa Rachele and Laura Smarse.

Elected to serve as next year's junior class officers are the following: Michael Knight, president; Lori Acosta, vice president; Rosemary DeStafano, treasurer; and Shirley Donatini, secretary.

Serving as junior representatives to the Office of Student Affairs will be Mark Ceccarini and Jerilynn Sullivan.

The five students who will comprise the Student Advisory Committee to the School Committee are Colette Allan, Mark Ceccarini, Shirley Donatini, Jerry Graziano, and Margaret Stoneburg.

Serving as next year's officers in the Office of Student Affairs will be Shelly Melanson, director; Lori Acosta, assistant director; Lisa Asta-Ferrero, treasurer; and Cindy Carpenter, secretary.



Mike Gaudino, a sophomore at Agawam High School is shown casting his ballot in recent school elections. photo by Jack Devine

Mother's Day Special At Sanctuary

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering area residents a Happy Mother's Day special on Sunday, May 13 when any mother accompanied by a child will be admitted free of charge.

Laughing Brook is a 260-acre education center and wildlife sanctuary located on Main Street in Hampden, Massachusetts. Visitors may hike over four miles of trails, picnic under a shaded pavillion, select items in the nature-oriented gift shop, walk along a special trail for the blind and visually handicapped, and observe numerous live animal exhibits of native New England wildlife.

Admission to Laughing Brook is \$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children under 12. For more information, call 566-3571.

AHS Band to Compete

The Agawam High School Band will compete in the National Music Festival at Wildwood, New Jersey, on the weekend of May 12-14.

The AHS Band and Colorguard will compete with groups from 37 schools representing 12 different states of the Eastern Seaboard. They include 13 schools from Pennsylvania, 8 from New Jersey, 4 from New York, 2 from Delaware, 2 from Connecticut, 2 from Virginia, and one each from Rhode Island, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C.

Agawam is the only school from Massachusetts in this year's festival at Wildwood. Similar festivals are being held at Toronto, St. Louis, Denver, Houston, and San Jose this year.

Competitive events will be held in Concert Band, Sight Reading, Jazz Band, Parade, Field Show, and Color Guard. Agawam is entered in all of these events at the rate of

two each day. The events will be spread over a three-day period beginning Saturday and ending with an awards evening at Convention Hall in Atlantic City on Monday. Over 5,000 students will be participating in this festival.

The Agawam High Band and Color Guard have competed in many local, state, and regional events, and the expanded scope of a national festival gives the students a broad perspective of the band scene as they take part with some of the finest groups from many states in the eastern part of the country.

Some 110 students and 14 adults will leave early Saturday morning with Band Directors Darcy Davis, Daniel Melbourne, and David Baldock. In the band's only previous appearance at a national festival of this type (Atlantic City in 1977), they took a first-place trophy for Concert Band and Sight Reading, one of their major honors in recent years of festival competition.

Judges for the festival include the following: Dr. Frederick Fennell (UMiami), Dr. James Wells (West Chester State College), Dr. Kent Campbell (Western Kentucky), Thomas Hilbish (UMichigan), John Savage (UVirginia), Harry Owens (Boston Conservatory), Neil Slater (UBridgeport), Clem DeRosa, president of the National Jazz Educators Association, and a number of marching band specialists from the Pennsylvania-New Jersey area.

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From Left: Safety Officer Al Longhi, Helen Tromblay as Mr. Yuk, Katie Pray as the Mommy, and Mrs. Peggy Boduk as 'the good arm' photo by Jack Devine

'Mr. Yuk' Visits Agawam

The Wilbraham Junior Women's Club sponsored a poison prevention program to kindergarten and first grade students in Agawam last week.

The program began with a skit performed by Mrs. Helene Trombley representing Mr. Yuk, Mrs. Katie Pray as the Mommy, and Mrs. Peggy Boduk as the Good Arm. The skit demonstrated to children the meaning of Mr. Yuk.

Most poison victims are five years of age and under, mainly because they are unable to distinguish a harmful substance from a safe one.

During the skit, Mr. Yuk, a non-verbal poison warning symbol, was introduced to the children. Mr. Yuk is the symbol used by poison centers in the National Poison Center Network.

Since small children cannot read, they need a continual,

non-verbal reminder to identify dangerous products. Mr. Yuk stickers were designed to help children immediately recognize these products.

Parents are urged to follow up the Mr. Yuk program by teaching their children which products are harmful and by placing the Mr. Yuk stickers that the children received in school on all poisonous products in the home.

Bambi School Open House

Bambi Nursery and Day Care will hold its 12th Annual Open House on Wednesday, May 9th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The children's projects done throughout the year will be on display along with baked goods the children have made.

Bambi School is open daily from 7:15 to 5:30 and also offers many morning programs along with early morning care.

All parents of Bambi School children and any other interested parents are welcome to attend the Open House at the school located at 22 Vernon Street, Agawam.

Class of '54 Plans 25th Reunion

The Class of 1954 from Agawam High School is in the process of planning their 25th year reunion for Saturday, October 13.

A tailgate party at the high school parking lot will precede attendance at the football game. Later that

evening, dinner and dancing will take place at St. Anne's Country Club with music provided by the Summer Breeze.

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Winners In Art Show Named

Sandra Dudek of Feeding Hills and Cynthia Payson Hartdegen of Woronoco have been named winners in the Fifth Annual YWCA Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Springfield YWCA.

The show opened April 29 and will continue through Friday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1373 Main Street, Springfield, next to Johnson's Bookstore (closed May 6th). Public vote will determine the grand prize of "Best of Show" award. Ballots are available at the show.

Ms. Dudek received third prize in Watercolor for "Untitled No. 1." Ms. Hartdegen received second prize in Photography for "Archtypes."

One hundred and ten artists from Massachusetts and Connecticut entered 196 works in the competition. One hundred and two works were chosen for the show by the judge, Brenda Minisci, founder of the Baracca Gallery in North Hatfield. Prizes have been awarded in six categories.

The annual art show, as well as monthly one-woman shows at the YW, are an ongoing service to women artists and the public by the Springfield YWCA.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church, Agawam, will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Attorney Richard Morassi, who will address the group on the

necessity for making a will. A question-and-answer period and refreshments will follow. All members of the church are invited.

Corporate communion will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the 6:30 p.m. mass. Refreshments will follow for members and their families.

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Editorials

Observation...

Industrial Action?

By Ric Sardella

At the May 7th meeting of the Town Council, Councilor Dennis Roberts was scheduled to put forth a proposal to expand and reorganize the now-defunct Development and Industrial Commission.

Although at press time it was not known how that body will react to Roberts' proposal, which included expanding the old five-member board, reviving the North End shopping plaza, and also cooperating with local merchants in both the North Agawam site and the Southgate shopping plaza to attain federal funds for possible renovation and expansion, the young councilor should be commended for his efforts to start the process of addressing the harsh economic realities facing Agawam.

Undoubtedly, this committee will also be charged with enticing business interests into the town, something it was originally set up to do, but obviously little was accomplished.

The interesting item about all this renewed concern for Agawam's need to strengthen its tax base is that until the recent deluge of proposed developments seized the residents of the community, only a few murmurs could be heard about the need for Agawam to strengthen its base through business.

Perhaps the Beltrandi-Charkoudian business park, an endeavor consuming 255 acres in Feeding Hills, brought Agawam's need to stabilize its tax base and also to breathe new economic life into the community from out of the mothballs and into the limelight.

Beltrandi claimed that through his business park, Agawam would stand second to none in this area on an economic plain. His boast included not only bringing in reputable business and retail interests into Agawam, but also providing employment for its residents.

But the local developer met fierce opposition for a variety of reasons, although from this viewpoint, the most pressing thorn in the proposition's side was Beltrandi himself. Many residents attacked the developers credibility or lack of it and pointed to the many pitfalls of his real estate transactions over the years. The dark cloud of Pheasant Hill also hovered over the developers head. The grudge of this facility helped fuel the fierce attack upon the project.

With the council's expected negative vote on the Beltrandi proposition, also at the May 7th meeting, it seems the only recourse the developer would have is to take the issue to a townwide referendum vote, thus turning the business park into an election issue, something may councilors probably would like to avoid. Of course, Beltrandi could install developments that are allowed under present statutes thus avoiding the hassles of appearing before bodies that can nix his endeavors.

When the 15 councilors were asked for logical alternatives for attracting business into the town in recent interviews with the *Advertiser/News*, many pointed to the industrial park on Silver Street and the 620 acres of undeveloped, but correctly zoned, land at the Bowles Airport site on Suffield Street. According to these councilors, these locations are where the future of the town's economic growth lies. And this brings us back to the Industrial Commission, which would obviously be held responsible for turning the barren Suffield Street area into a thriving business community and at the same time, shoring up the industrial park on Silver Street.

But there are problems with these alternatives. The firm contention here is that even with an active industrial commission many moons ago, it is quite questionable on whether that body could have brought substantial business concerns into Agawam. New England, along with the northeastern portion of the United States, has experienced the great industrial blight in the 70's. Businesses are packing their bags and heading south or west to conditions that meet standards that are conducive to their investments: cheaper land, lower taxes, and few bothersome labor unions. "Taxachusetts" has none of these basic requirements. During his tenure on Beacon Hill, Michael Dukakis attempted to keep business within the state, but without notable success.

As for the industrial tract off Suffield Street, problems exist there. The land is owned by an array of individuals who are asking top dollar for the land. Lack of utility lines further complicates this gambit. The new industrial commission certainly has a rocky road ahead and will need much attention from all segments in town in order to succeed in its quest.

But if the industrial commission fails, then the final alternative seems clear cut: much higher taxes to maintain present services or a cut in municipal services to keep taxes at an affordable rate. Sky-rocketing inflation mandates this inevitable reality.

The individuals who are running around the community comparing Agawam with a Longmeadow or a Newton are surely committing a boondoggle. Perhaps 25 years ago was the time for Agawam to engage blueprints which eventually would turn the community into a lucrative suburban setting.

Ideally, I would like to see the land in Feeding Hills and around Agawam remain in a natural state. Unfortunately, current economic realities make this impractical. Agawam cannot refuse business from coming in although it must be carefully planned and developed, even if it appears in residential surroundings.

The "new business awakening" through citizen concern and the industrial commission should prove to be an interesting event to follow and address at a future date.

This is to notify all concerned that the drawings for the raffle to be conducted by the Chapel of the States Association on June 2, 1979 has been postponed to Saturday, July 7, 1979 at the Church Hall of the Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills.



LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Thank you for printing my letter of April 5, 1979. I had no idea it would cause so much controversy. I would like to respond to the letters in your paper on April 17, 1979, written by Don Lonetto, Mrs. Nardi and Norman Nardi.

Some people disagreed with my article which is their privilege, but I do not feel anyone should tell untruths about another person, especially in the paper. Therefore, I wish to state these facts.

I have taught one, three-day course as an EMT-A Instructor-Coordinator for Agawam. I was paid two days regular pay and one day overtime for this. I have taught many courses as an EMT-A Instructor-Coordinator for the State of Mass. and the town of Granville, and have been paid for my services by them.

The \$20,000 mentioned was paid to the students for their EMT training time and reimbursement to them for class material, course fee and license fees, not to any instructor.

I have never received any pay, reimbursement or incentive pay for taking my EMT training, recertification, class material, license fees or course fees.

I was Training Officer in charge of the ambulance service and during this time I received my regular pay and once in a while overtime. I was required to train all officers in First Aid as required by the First Responder Law, this is not EMT training. I have also taught Police Officers first aid at my home while off duty for no pay and as an American Red Cross Volunteer Instructor, I've taught Dept. of Public Works employees, school children, church groups and many others.

I was removed from my duties as Training Officer and Officer in charge of ambulance and Court Officer in October 1978. I would not mind if the Chief would make public why he removed me from these duties. I asked to go back on uniform patrol in October, and did so in January, 1979.

I have been brought up on charges for abusing sick time. I accumulated the maximum 90 days sick leave about six years ago and since then have turned back some of my 15 days each year. I am one of just a couple of officers with this record. I have been a police officer since 1962, and this is the first time any charges have been brought against me.

My gross pay for 1978 was \$15,100.00 from the town of Agawam.

Leonard P. Rising, Jr.
Feeding Hills

Congratulations, Horizons:

All those hours of practicing, cuts, black and blues, tears, and sore muscles! Who would have thought at the beginning that were to be so great for you. You loved what you were doing and it showed in every performance.

Hold those heads up high and be proud of what you have given yourselves and your school. So you got beat in the finals. Big deal! Out of eight shows, you girls took first place twice, second place twice, third place once, fourth, fifth, and eighth. I'd say that was fantastic for your

first year. If they think the Horizons are down and out, wait until next year.

Those girls who are thinking of trying out in the fall have a lot of work ahead of them.

Most of all, girls, you gave me a lot of enjoyment, and I'm so proud of you all. I love you and thank you for my trophy.

Mrs. O.

Disposal Hours Changed

A change in hours in which the brush disposal area located off Tennis Road will be open to the public has recently been made. In order to accommodate the residents of Agawam more fully, the disposal area will now be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday.

Rt 57...The Legend Continues

Just when residents of this little community west of the Connecticut River believed that the long and cumbersome saga of Route 57 could be laid to rest, we find that once again the evils of bureaucracy and backroom politicking have temporarily thrown a wrench into the badly needed extension's completion.

This time our story brings us to the offices of United States Representative Edward Boland (D-Springfield), the long time political figure of the area's largest city. On Friday, May 3rd, Kenneth Lemanski, an aide to Boland, announced that because of the so-called impact the \$4.5 million project could have on the Forest Park section of Springfield and the now infamous South End Bridge,

the Federal Highway Administration in their infinite wisdom have decided that until this 'impact' can be determined, preliminary engineering and design work will come to a full halt.

According to Agawam State Representative Edward Connelly, the very man responsible for turning the 57 Extension into a near reality, construction bids for the project were expected to be in by May 16th. Connelly stated that he expects only a week's delay will come out of Springfield's latest felony on the citizens of Agawam.

It seems that Boland's office was given the honor of announcing this most recent bid to nix the 57 extension. And the cast of villains who were involved in the gang tackling effort of the road should again be noted.

First, the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority and the Joint Transportation Commission, a sub-committee of the bus empire cast their daggers into the project, thereby sending negative recommendations to the proponent authorities and asking for a full environmental impact study to be conducted. Yet the world could be blasted to kingdom come after all the red tape was sifted through to initiate the Regional Planners recommendations.

The Springfield City Council, led by Robert Markel, a Summer Avenue resident asked Senator Paul Tsongas' office to look into the matter. The Forest Park Civic Association and the East Forest Park Civic Association also cast their lots by putting pressure on their state and federal elected officials to resort to politicking to kill the highway venture.

Anthony Scibelli and Richard Roache, two of the city's State Representatives, answered the call and heaved their political missiles at the project. And now, the Boland claim that the project has been stopped, although his Springfield office stated that an environmental study probably will not occur.

But before Boland's latest ploy, the Federal Highway Commission saw through this very tangled web of self-interest and backroom activity and heeded the words of Connelly and the Agawam Town Council, who, by a 14-0

vote, re-affirmed the community's desire for the project to finally take form after 17 years of waiting.

All of these objections of course, came at the eleventh hour. The LPVRPC and the PVTA's negative vote was inconsistent with the State Department of Public Works and the FHWC's approval to go ahead with the extension. This has caused problems.

Said Connelly, "Since those two regional planning agency's voted against the project, it caused a deadlock with the State and the Federal agencies and that portion has to be resolved."

Connelly is expected to address the PVTA Wednesday evening at the town hall at that committee's regular monthly meeting. Since Agawam has a PVTA line, the honor is bestowed upon the community to serve host for one of their regular sessions. Perhaps interested citizens of the community should attend and witness this event. Connelly is hoping to convince the board members to change their vote, but according to the legislator, "I'm really not sure how successful I'll be."

Some of the characters running around trying to strap a rest-in-peace seal on the extension seem to be placing a major significance in the fact that for the first time, the PVTA and the LPVRPC and the state and federal agencies did not concur on a regional matter.

This being the case, they reason, there must be something in the claims of those entities voicing disapproval of the project.

This paradox is just another one of the transparent arguments fired against Route 57. Where was all the concern in the last few years against the road? No one seemed to care much about the South End Bridge until downtown Springfield and the X shopping area were getting ready to revitalize. And it is a generally agreed fact among all parties concerned that the traffic problem on the South End Bridge will be irreversal with or without the extension's completion.

"For a very long time the State DPW and the Federal Highway Commission have looked into this thing in great detail," Connelly said. "They allowed the extension to go through after careful consideration, and," he continued, "this project was the number one priority of the LPVRPC and now they changed their minds."

And for those who claim that Route 57 is a regional problem, again the paradox continues. The only thing regional about the 57 extension is that it might hinder those in Western Mass. whose self-interest and pocketbooks would be better enhanced if it never gets off the drawing board.

No, the problem is Agawam's and Agawam's alone. Town residents should write their own elected officials, including Tsongas, Senator Kennedy and U.S. Rep. Silvio Conte and express their feelings towards all that is involved in the road's apparent stalemated position.

If the decision is again rendered for the extension's mechanisms to begin operating, rest assured that the same lot will resort to other tactics to nix the road once and for all. Maybe the final outcome will be decided in the courts or just maybe those who have th eclout and the final authority will finally deem it fit to get the job done.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,

Or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,

If so we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,

As any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all,

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Whatever you did to console our hearts,

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*By the family of
Frank A. Janulewicz*

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

It might seem that newly hatched chicks are safe and secure in the nest. And why not? They have mommy to keep them warm, daddy to protect the nesting site, and both parents to provide them with a satisfying supply of food.

Yet there are hazards facing the young birds which will be with them until they leave the nest. One worry is predators. Naturally there is the ever present cat who probably won't be able to reach the nest if it remains in its original place. But winds and/or storms may dislodge the nest or the branch on which it sits and change that strategic position into one less favorable. And even at the original site, there is the possibility that a meat eater such as the blue jay will ravage the nest.

A nest might also be victimized by brood parasites. These are the young of other species whose eggs have been laid into an unsuspecting host's nest for raising. The European cuckoo is one of the most successful parasites. The female cuckoo lays her eggs in the nest of a host whose own eggs closely resemble the one egg she deposits into the nest. The cuckoo hatches before the young of the other bird and goes into action. The cuckoo has a dip in its back into which it manoeuvres the additional eggs. The eggs are dropped from the nest. Since the cuckoo parasitizes smaller birds, the young cuckoo is able to eject even the hatched young if necessary. Alone in the nest, the cuckoo consumes as much food as the entire brood from the original eggs would have and soon grows to

be larger than its foster parents.

In the case of the European cuckoo, the nest, eggs, or foster parent image is somehow imprinted on the bird and a mature female cuckoo will seek out the same type of foster home for her own young, virtually insuring a successful reception.

The brown-headed cowbird and the bronzed cowbird are the only North American songbirds that are brood parasites. The cowbirds are not so particular where they leave their eggs; they visit over 200 different species' nests. Many hosts eject the foreign egg or build a layer of flooring over it and continue on by laying more of their own eggs. Some simply abandon the nest and start over again. But many raise the extra charge to fledgling status often at the expense of the rest of the brood. One interesting theory claims that the cowbirds became parasitic because of their habit of following roving herds of bison and not having the time to stop and nest.

There is one problem that plagues both young and mature birds which can be lessened by birders. There is a deadly fungus called "Aspergillus fumigatus" which infects wet and moldy seed. Melted snow and spring rain add to the development of this fungus for which there is no known cure. Birders should rake up all the old winter seed around their feeders and watch that the hopper does not become full of water. Thoroughly cleaning the feeder with a disinfectant like lysol is a good idea to help prevent this devastating disease.

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The week of May 13 to 19 is Bicycle Safety Week in Massachusetts, and more than 3,000 helpful teachers kits are being delivered to elementary and middle school principals by Registry of Motor Vehicles personnel.

Bicycle Safety Week was instituted last year at the suggestion of then State Senator William L. Saltonstall. The week centers around public and independent school teachers emphasizing safety aspects of bike riding to their students.

Co-Chairmen of the Bicycle Safety Week Committee '79 are Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin and Senator Saltonstall. They have asked

Governor King to make the week official by proclamation and have called for "a really thorough program of bicycle safety as part of the education of our younger children."

The teacher's kit contains suggestions for bicycle rodeos to be held during the school week or, as many schools do, on the final Saturday of Safety Week, this year May 19.

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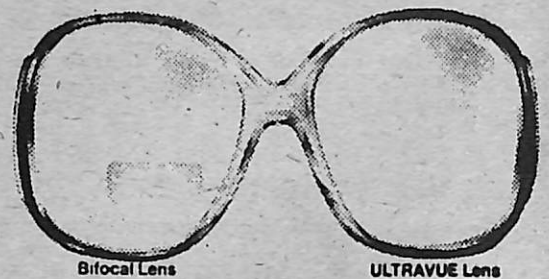


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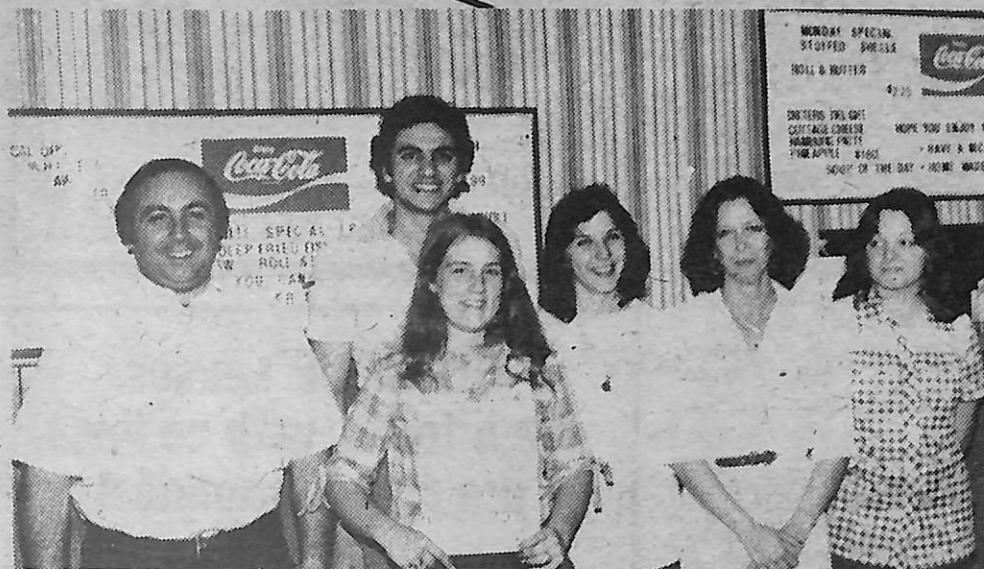


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Spotlight on Business



The management and staff of Nick's Restaurant are pictured above. From left: Nick DePalma, Joe Tirone, Donna Fontaine, Geri Tirone, Angie Vivenzio, and Marie DePalma. photo by Jack Devine

Nick's Restaurant

Nick's Restaurant opened for business three months ago at 1340 Springfield Street in the Village Shops in Feeding Hills Center.

Owned by Nick DePalma and Joe Tirone, both of Agawam, the restaurant features a full breakfast menu, daily luncheon specials along with club sandwiches and several diet plates, and many Italian specialties and pasta

dishes. A soft ice cream service is an additional feature that should be welcome as the warm weather approaches.

Nick's Restaurant is now open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please stop in for excellent service from Nick's wife, Debbie, or his sister, Geri. This establishment is a fine addition to the businesses in Feeding Hills Center.

Skating Show Planned

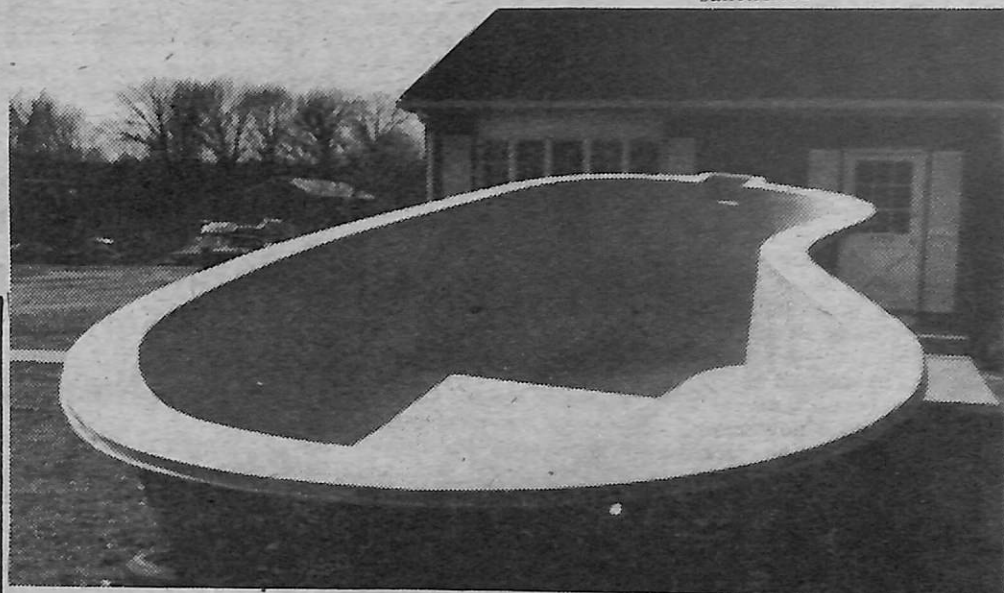
The Skating Club of Springfield presents its 6th annual revue "Stars on Skates" on Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Olympia rink in West Springfield.

Jackie Stack, a 10-year-old fifth grade student at St. Thomas School, will skate in the group numbers choreographed to "Kids" and "How Lucky Can You Get." The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Stack of Tom Street, Feeding Hills, Jackie will also be a soloist in the performance. She has been skating for three years.

The show will also include several Boston area skaters as guest stars. The public is invited to attend and tickets will be sold at the door.

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Brownie Trackmen Humble East Longmeadow

Just check the grins that Gus Young and Joe Modzelewski are wearing these days.

They are the faces of winners. The two coaches have watched their charges build a 33-3 overall record in the past three seasons, but fail to grab a Valley Wheel flag during that time span and also fall short of any team honors at the Western Mass Division II Tournament. But this spring you can sense things have changed.

The latest indication of an Agawam track contingent finally reaching the accord it has disappointingly missed in recent years came against league opponent East Longmeadow on May 3rd. The Spartans entered the running undefeated in circuit competition. But some two hours and thirty minutes later, this was all past history. Led by high school All-American Randy Young, Brownie trackmen dashed to their eighth consecutive victory of the rout variety in the 1979 session. The final tally read Agawam 91, East Longmeadow 54.

Young, who holds the Western Mass. record in the 440 once held by Mark Lech, former Palmer High and Northeastern University standout who is now seeking Olympic recognition, racked up one of his familiar triple victories that makes him so indispensable to Agawam fortunes.

With father Gus watching from the sidelines, Young took first place honors in the 440 (51.6), 220 (22.6), and the triple jump (41-2/5). Young is undefeated in the quarter mile and 220 yard dash, and the Dartmouth bound senior could again be very tough to handle once tournament time rolls in.

But as the elder of the two Youngs correctly pointed out, the cast of characters which has turned this season's squad into a Division II juggernaut (although it is doubtful Agawam could not handle most first division clubs also), flies deep into his ranks. According to Young, depth is the key to the Brownie success this season.

"Individual talent in the last few years has always been there, but we really were not that deep in each event. This year," Young continued, "all that has changed. The running events, which have been our traditional strength in the past few years are loaded with talent and we have a weight team which has put us in a good position point wise during each meet. This is why we are 8-0."

In the iron man department, senior Mario Mercadante copped discus competition with a toss of 140 feet and the shot put with a heave of 43 feet 11 inches. Mercadante is developing into one of the better weight men around and could be another force to be reckoned with in future meets far more important than this one. The ever present Young launched a javeline missile 172 feet, good for second place honors.

The steady 440 relay foursome of David Stuart, Frank Mastromatteo, Dave Ritter and Dan Beaudette, Agawam's top man in the 100 yard dash, continued their winning ways with a clocking of 48.1. Meanwhile, the mile relay quartet of Steve Atkinson, Jeff Woods, Gus Yacteen and anchorman Pete Sardella, churned out yet another decision in their event. The relay team recently broke the school record with an impressive showing at the George Steel Relays at UMass, and according to Young, the relayers are one of the best around Western Mass.

Senior Scott Massoia, Jerry Mason and Richard Hauff took top honors in their respective events (Massoia 5 feet 10 inches in the high jump, Mason 11 feet six inches in the pole vault and Hauff 2:07 in the half-mile.)

In the mile, Jeff Woods, a junior transfer from Southwick High School, land of the distant runners, placed first in his event with a clocking of 4:38. When Woods was annexed into Agawam territory, the old cliché 'the rich get richer' certainly bears to mind and coaches around the league

must be startled at Agawam's strength in distant running this season.

In the two-mile, East Longmeadow's fine Rick Hundertmark checked in with an impressive timing of 9:51. The Brownies reliable Steve Atkinson placed second. Atkinson, by the way, is the son of Southwick High mentor Richard Atkinson.

A double victory in the high and low hurdles by the Spartans highly touted and undefeated Greg Towle was the losers' main claim to fame during the lop-sided Agawam victory. Pete Sardella, the Brownies noted low hurdler finished second behind Towle in that event.

With three of their next four Valley Wheel meets away from the friendly confines of Harmon Smith Field, Young said his forces were "taking nothing for granted," especially since showdowns with top rivals Minnechaug, a perennial league and Western Mass. power and Longmeadow, always a potent squad and winners of the 1979 team title at the Western Mass Indoor Track championships lorn on the horizon, May 14th and 17th respectively. Agawam has never beaten Minnechaug in a dual meet, and according to Young, the Brownies will need peak performances in order to survive the two key encounters.

"We have Southwick and South Hadley before Minnechaug and Longmeadow, and I have reminded the kids not to look past these teams, which have some pretty fine talent of their own. We'll just be taking things one meet at a time," Young offered.

Young claimed that between the Brownies usual stoppers and newly found depth in the program, the Brownies possess the necessary tools to elevate themselves on top of the Valley Wheel heap, adding, "we have some lack of depth in the distance running and we're working on that. But if everyone continues to improve, I think we'll be alright."

Ring My Bell and Paint My Phone

by Rita White

When Sue Bishop started painting 4 years ago as a hobby, she had no idea it would balloon into the full time job it has become.

Sue has an aunt who has been a painter for some 20 years and Sue has been visiting her once a week for these past 4 years, first learning her craft and now the visits are a time for painting and sharing their ideas.

Sue enjoys her hobby of painting on wood and slate. Her favorite subjects include Holly Hobbie, strawberries, mice and owls. Anyone owning one of these or just having seen them knows how Sue excels at her craft. Her craft became a job because one of her neighbors asked her to do something for her, and then one of her relatives wanted something.

Sue Bishop now finds herself with an 8 hour a day job just keeping up with the demand for her work. She tells us that at Christmas time she puts in as much as 15 hours a day to accommodate her customers. Not a hobby anymore.

Sue's painting can be found of course all through her house. Her kitchen boasts painted items such as an old flat iron, a silverware chest and we mustn't forget to mention the telephone she has painted. (Maybe Ma Bell could take a lesson) She has a lovely wine keg in her living room she has done and if we were to take inventory, I'm sure every room would boast something with her personal touch on it.

Sue travels around to the tag sales trying to find unusual items to use for her painting. She is especially interested in tin items. She recently acquired an old boiler which she is currently working on. And she does things like turning an old Dutch shoe into the loveliest of pin cushions.

Another of her favorite projects is taking scrabble pieces, painting them with various cute things and then

turning them into magnets for use on the refrigerator etc.

Sue does attend the craft shows in Agawam and West Springfield. Her main outlet for her goods is the Country Mouse House in Agawam. She has to limit the number of craft shows she is able to do because of the tremendous demand for her things.

Not content to have just a hobby-turned job. She also likes to do crewel embroidery, sew and refinish furniture. She loves antiques and is always looking for them. She has a roll-top desk that she purchased that looked as though someone had literally chopped off a corner of it. She, with the help of husband Alan, spent a lot of hours on the desk and today it is a beautiful piece of furniture. As beautiful as the day it was new. You can't even tell that there was ever a piece missing from it.

Alan Bishop, not to be left

out of all the fun, has his own hobby which may turn into another of those hobby-turned jobs. He is an excellent photographer. Not content with just taking the pictures, he then mats them and frames them. They are a work of art in themselves. Some of them can be seen hanging in the Mouse House also.

Sue Bishop has found that best of two worlds that we all would love to have. She has a full time job that she can do at home and it turns out to be her favorite pasttime. This enables her to be home with 11 year old son, the type of job most mothers dream of.

Sue is a perfectionist in her work and it shows. With that type of professionalism we really don't need to wish her luck, but we do. And much success to Alan in his filming. Happy craft season to them both.

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The 'Run For Life' is for joggers, jogger-runners, and runners of all ages and degrees of experience. It is a fun run, not a race, where participants will solicit pledges to sponsor them in the run.

Locally, the run will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 10:30 a.m. It will begin at the M.L. Martin Agency, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, and will cover a 5.2 mile stretch through west Springfield and Agawam. Trophies will be awarded to the first man, woman, and senior (over 50) to cross the finish line; and gift certificates and savings bonds will go to the runners who bring in the most money from pledges. All money will support American Heart Association programs of research, education, and community service.

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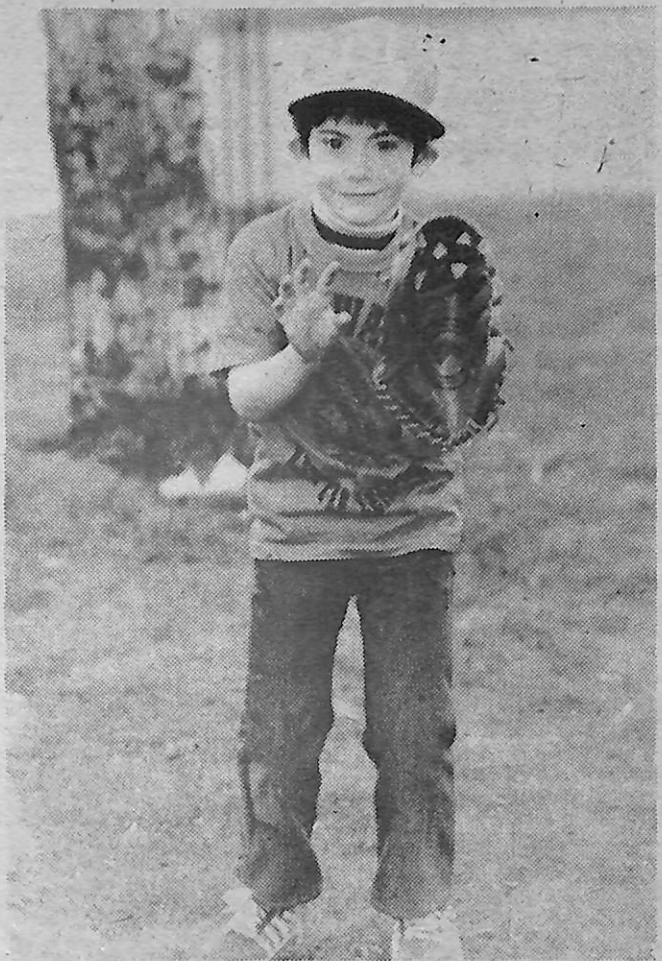
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Sports

Tri-County Baseball Makes Comeback in Agawam



John Battista, age 5, of Agawam, practices for Little League instructional team. photo by Jack Devine

After a two year absence, Tri-County baseball will again attempt to establish a strong foothold in Agawam. And if the pre-season buildup and expectations of rookie coach Rick Mastroianni is followed by a successful summer campaign, then the newest member of the seven team circuit will certainly be around for many moons to come.

"We want to give the people in Agawam a team they can support and believe in," Mastroianni offered. "We feel that the best way to do that is to go out and win ballgames with local faces on the roster. And we firmly believe this is going to happen this summer."

The local entry into the well established semi-pro league is going by the name of the Agawam-Westfield Cardinals, mainly because an array of merchants from the two communities have contributed to the financial end of the club. Mastroianni named the Buccaneer Lounge, Globe Realty, Beltrandi Real Estate, J.W. Whimpy's, and Gino's Liquors as the local businesses responsible for fielding the infant squad.

Since Tri-County competition is not alien to the community, Mastroianni feels Agawam residents, hungry for a local team to support, will quickly accept the Cardinals and turn out to the club's Shea's Field location for the home schedule, which includes 18 outings. According to the former Oliver Auto Body all-star, the fact that the Cardinals roster is dotted with Agawam talent will greatly enhance their chances of

establishing the vital community base. Mastroianni said the major pitfall experienced by Century Auto, the town's first attempt at a Tri-County entry, was its failure to attract local favorites to the Shea Field dugout.

"Since that team didn't have many familiar faces to people in town, and the fact they were not winners made their chances of success very grim. Besides," Mastroianni commented, "I think we are better organized and we have more proven experience to blend with new faces to the league."

And few can argue with the local faces which will appear in Cardinal colors on opening day (May 20) against Easthampton. Easily the most noteworthy is Lou Conte, Gasland's former standout short stop and who Mastroianni tabs as "the best all-around player in the league." Conte's defection from his powerhouse gasmen is a drawing card in itself.

"Well, I was with Gasland when they started, and with this new team starting and the old Gasland team receiving a new sponsor (Central Chevrolet), I decided to start again with a local team in town. Agawam deserves this team and for me it's something new and different," Conte commented.

Mastroianni, who was an all-star in his own right with the Oliver Auto Body nine, will be occupying the hot corner. Another well-known figure in Agawam baseball circles, Tommy Quinn, is attempting a comeback after a two year battle with a variety of elbow and shoulder

ailments. Quinn, a former standout at the high school and in Legion ball is, according to the player-coach, "back and better than ever."

"In practice Tom's fast ball has been humming and we firmly believe that if his arm stays sound, he will be one of the best pitchers in the league," Mastroianni boasted of the lanky flame throwing righty. Quill will be summoned to the hill for opening day action up in Easthampton. Mastroianni said Quinn is very excited about not only receiving the call for the Cardinals debut, but for the entire summer campaign.

Danny D'Alma and Steve Mercadante, former teammates and All-Western Mass. performers for Orange and Brown colors under Gerry Smith will take their positions in centerfield and on the mound respectively. Mercadante will be utilized as the Cardinals fourth starter while D'Alma should see action in both starting and utility roles. Other Agawam players include hard throwing lefty John Moccia and Craig Plante, a Jack-of-all-tradesman with Tri-County experience. Craig's younger brother, John, a member of Agawam High's 1978 Western Mass. finalists should see duty from a utility infielder spot.

Besides the Agawam names on the roster, the Cardinals possess some experienced and highly regarded TC talent that Mastroianni has enticed into the hometown ranks.

At first base, Scott Herd, a former colleague of Conte's on Gasland should provide the locals with a steady bat and glove. In right field big, strong, Bobby Munds, the squads probable cleanup hitter should give the Cardinals a constant long ball threat. One of the better batsmen in the TC circle of offensive weapons, Munds is currently starring for Brandeis University, one of the top Division II powers in the country. Starting in centerfield will be Dave Stefano, a former Oliver Auto Bodyman who is returning to the TC wars after a year's absence.

The remainder of the starting lineup includes Morrissey Sykes, a speed merchant sporting a nifty glove at second base out of Springfield, and Joe Spano, another Springfield native out in left field. At this point, the catching duties are up for grabs between Ron Florek, another Springfield resident, Tommy Welsh, Mark Winden, a four-year starter with Gasland and Alex Masel, the club's newest member. Masel, the starting receiver for Westfield State's highly regarded Owls should bolster the club greatly. Masel, noted for his hadrd hitting with Westfield and Paper City, the now defunct Holyoke entry, should see plenty of action,

although at this time, Winden appears to have the edge on the starting berth.

Along with Quinn, Mercadante and Moccion, the pitching staff consists of Paul Grammarrosa, a former hurler with Century Auto and Oliver, Don Irzyk, a Westfield native from Oliver's and Dick Gilday, a breaking ball specialist. Mastroianni stated that the mound crew is still a question mark, but their performance keys the entire season.

"Our pitching is pretty much inexperienced and unproven and if we don't get solid efforts from these guys, we could be in trouble. We have some quality and proven TC players, a good defensive infield, and some good bats. If the pitching jells, look out, we'll be tough," Mastroianni predicted.

According to the rookie mentor, defending TC champ Chicopee Falls Tigers, Central Chevrolet and Easthampton offer the toughest competition for the Cardinals. Because the first four finishers pave a road into the post season tournament, Mastroianni said his club is shooting for a fourth place location with at least a five hundred record.

"Most new entry's in the league don't fair very well but we're hoping for a .500 record and its been in my experience that this is good enough for the playoffs. We have weaknesses but I really believe in this team," he related. The Cardinal's home opener is May 21 at Shea's Field. Starting time is 6 p.m.

Women's Softball Opens Season

The Agawam Women's Softball League opened its season this past week. In the 'A' Division last year's champions the Buccaneer and a surprisingly strong Springfield Turnverin remain undefeated with two wins apiece. The Turners played a hard fought game against the Polish Club for their second win. Alice Craig had the game winning hit with a shot to deep right field for a home run. Elsewhere in the 'A' Division, Ciro's, Village Lounge, and the Polish Club have all split their first two games. While the Elbow and Italian Sporting Club remain winless.

In the 'B' Division, the Purple Onion is undefeated, beating Wimpy's 6-4, and coming from behind to defeat Snap on Tools 13-8. Jessica's, Wimpy's, and the Bad News Bears all have even records. While Kelly's Pub is still looking for it's first win of the season.

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Welcome to my World

by Charles Duclos

Agawam Spits Again

The Agawam Athletic Association's two soccer teams, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, divided their wins today.

Coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 team dropped a heart-breaker to 16 Acres by a 3-2 margin. Considered to be the best team in the league thus far and not having been scored against this season, 16 Acres tallied first with a cornerkick that just grazed the fingertips of the goalie. Davey Jenks on a beautiful pass from mid-field by Billy O'Brien, beat out his man and zinged one to even up the game.

In the second half, Billy O'Brien's cornerkick was sneezed in by Davey Jenks, giving Agawam a 2-1 lead. Sixteen Acres put the pressure on the 3A's and added two more scores.

Good efforts were extended by all participants on both sides of the field, as the action was quick-paced and exciting.

Coach Doug Chevalier's 15-16 soccer team bounded back from a loss the other night and chalked one up against Ludlow with a 1-0 win.

The game was very well played with neither team having the edge. Ludlow was afforded the opportunity of scoring with a penalty shot but were unable to capitalize on it. However, later in the game Agawam had the same advantage, and Jeff Duclos pounded one past the goalie.

Tony DePalma Gentleman Extraordinaire

It is not unusual for us to get caught up in the excitement of play and mention at length the coach and the players and to overlook the assistant. Coach Doug Chevalier has a first-rate, dedicated person in the form of Tony DePalma. We have known Tony almost since his coming to Agawam many years ago. We have seen him develop into a super person, and we have witnessed his dedication to the youth of our town through his efforts as a coach, ass't coach, as needed by each sport he works in. His expertise, enthusiasm, and know-how of each sport rubs off on the players and fans with whom he comes in contact. We're lucky to have an association with a gentleman like Tony.

Behind The Scenes

Behind every great man is a woman urging him on...we all know that. And behind every good organization there are many men and women keeping the organization going. So, too, for the Agawam Athletic Association. I stopped at Sonny and Judy Tetreault's on Friday night. Judy and Rosemary Sandlin were busy as all get-out with checking birth certificates on players in this year's baseball program, a long and tedious process. By the way, did you know that Rosemary is running for a place on the School Committee next year?

Agawam Squeaks Past Wilbraham

In a close shave for Agawam's 13-14 boys' soccer team. Coach Bill O'Brien's mates handed Wilbraham a 4-3 defeat in the last 29 seconds of play.

The team had been practicing a power play, and it paid off as Dave Duclos

whistled one through the uprights on an assist from Billy O'Brien within the first minute of opening action. Agawam shot ahead when Tony Caputo big-footed one from the corner and deflected it off Paul Quartz to make it 2-1. Wilbraham closed the gap before the end of the first half with a goal of their own.

Second half action saw Davy Jenks outthrusting his man on a fast breakaway and greasing one past the goalie to tie up the score after Agawam dropped its defenses and Wilbraham surged ahead 3-2. Jenks, with an assist by Tony Caputo, scored his second of the game and the tie breaker, thus giving the triple A's their fourth consecutive win. If this team keeps up its present pace, the Agawam Athletic Association will have another trophy to add to its collection.

Bifocals Now - Hearing Aid Next??

This reporter has finally reached the age when age has caught up with him, and his arms are not long enough to hold the newspaper far enough away to read it. It's amazing what he can see now and a few things (e.g. the bills, prices of gasoline and oil going up, etc.) he wishes he couldn't see. However, bifocals have their advantage. He has shaved a few strokes from his golf score because, to be able to see the ball properly through the top part of the lens, it is necessary to bend over a little further, thus causing one to keep his eye more closely on the little white devil. In addition, he holds the newspaper at full length and instead of moving the paper up and down, he has taken to moving his head up and down each column, thus exercising his neck and tightening neck flab...double chin and all that. Now if he can figure out some exercise that will eliminate the middle-age bulge around the middle of his torso that can be attributed to his glasses, then the bifocals will have really done their job.

We Love School

Daughter Michelle and I are enrolled in a baby-sitting course being offered by the Springfield Fire Department. Meeting in Springfield for a period of six nights, there are about 60 young people and a few parents involved in each of the three-hour sessions. Although I'm past the baby-sitting stage for the present time, the course thus far has been well-presented and is most informative to all of us. It should make Michelle, as well as the others, well-qualified for sitting services. It will make me a good sitter when I'm a grandparent (which better not be for a while, seeing as our children are only 15, 14, 13, and 10) - but that's what good grandparents are for - some of the time, aren't they?

Question Of The Week

What do S.L., D.B., D.D., and D.M. all have in common? They know how to Srrrrrrrike up the Band!!! Sally Lowell, David Duck, Darcy Davis, and David Melbourne brought their young charges to attention last Wednesday evening at the high school and entertained parents and friends in a delightful two-hour performance.

Pulsating music could be quickly changed by the groups to the type that could lull one into a peaceful quiet and then be revitalized to a point where one might well want to leave his seat to

boogie woogie to the "Bugle Boy" or march into center stage with "The Ringmaster."

Ms. Mary Ann Zlotek, a practice teacher from Westfield State College, added her touch of professionalism and class by leading the 6th and 7th grade bands through two numbers.

The final number, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, was played simultaneously by all the bands. There had been no rehearsal prior to the performance, but each band's ability to follow their music and conductor caused our blood to race and brought a standing ovation from the house for a job well done.

Not Measuring Up

This writer has been guilty of a grave error. He has been reporting one of Coach Bill O'Brien's players as Paul Quartz. He wishes to fill up the following space with the correct name: Paul Koretz. Sorry about that, Paul. Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

Agawam Pays Bills

Coach Doug Chevalier's group, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League and sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association, dropped Springfield's Nathan Bill's 15-16 team in a tournament that was enough to cause one's deodorant to

break down several times. Unassisted, Tony Santinello neated one cross-angled past the goalie to give Agawam a 1-0 lead. Big Dave Jenks (not to be confused with Coach Bill O'Brien's Davy Jenks) blasted a biggie from 40-50 feet out and sailed it right over the goalie's head to surge Agawam to a 2-1 position.

In the second half, Nathan Bill slipped past Agawam's defensive team and narrowed the gap with a tally. Three minutes later, in a palm-sweater, Nathan Bill evened the game, and the pressure was on Agawam. Jeff Duclos brought the sphere to within close striking distance a couple of times, but the forces of fate would not allow him to slip it through the uprights; however, Blaine Bauman captured it just outside the scoring area and sent the little devil past the goaltender and into the open jaws to the 3A's a 3-2 advance. Carmen Romeo sent home the last point on a beauty from the left side and marked this bill - Paid in Full: 4-2.

The attendance at this game was most encouraging with fans from both Springfield and Agawam. The 3A's had their own unofficial cheerleaders in the forms of Sheryl DeSpirt, Mary Kamyk, Allison Lush, Kathy O'Malley, Patty Niemiec, Bettys O'Keefe, and Diane Ouelette. In the over 18 set, Joanna Duclos, Joanne O'Brien, Judy Tetreault, and Doris Griffen probably have sore vocal cords from cheering.

All-Woman Road Race

Renate Kostka of Agawam is a coordinator helping to plan the First Greater Springfield 10,000 Meter All-Women's Road Race to be held in Springfield on Sunday, May 27 at 2:00 p.m.

Women racers may register through the mail through May 20 at the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street, Springfield 01105. In addition, race officials will be accepting post entries from 10:30 to 1:00 on race day.

The road race is being co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Springfield area and the Springfield YWCA in cooperation with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The 6.2 mile race will begin at Court Square and proceed north on Main, Carew, Chestnut, and Springfield Streets, through Van Horn Park, and finally, down

Armory, Carew, and Main Streets to the finish line at 1114 Main Street, near the corner of Main and Howard Streets.

The YWCA at 26 Howard Street will be the center for refreshments, race souvenirs, displays, first aid, and the awarding of prizes. Rose Marie Coughlin of the Springfield City Council will fire the gun to start the race and will help award the prizes in eleven categories.

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Agawam Little League Opens Season

Perfect weather came in time for the opening of the season for Little League on April 30, 1979.

The Major Division Yankees and Red Sox began the week with an exciting 3-1 game, with the Red Sox as winners.

All the Red Sox players showed good effort, especially the pitching and catching combination of Scott Cofer and Barry McKay. Showing good fielding efforts were Todd Sweeney and Bob Badone. Mike Eagon took credit for an RBI in the beginning of the game.

Although not the winners, the Major Yankees showed good effort with pitcher

Faucette and Mark Petrucci as catcher. Ronnie Hannah gave his all at first and third base. Ted Malachowski had two hits to left field in an attempt to bring home more base runners.

Tuesday night had both the Major and Senior Division in the fields.

The Senior Orioles scored 7 runs to the Senior Mets 4 runs. Pitching for the Mets was Jeff Racine. He showed a good pitching performance, even though his team did not win. Jerry Graziano, SS for the Mets, had two hits for the night.

Pat Sheehan of the Orioles, looked great as he pitched his first starter. His team mate

Anthony Venturini drove in two runs in the last inning, giving the Orioles a bigger edge over the Mets. Darkness ended the game after six innings.

In the Major Division field, the Indians scored heavily against the Dodgers in an 11-5 ballgame.

Tom Cascio had two hits which started the scoring for the Indians. Dave Leighton had a great first game with a home run. His two hits knocked in six runs. Only five hits in 5 1/2 innings was allowed by Indian Pitcher, Don Veins.

The Dodgers, the division winners last year just did not seem to have it put together this opening night. However, all the team members gave their best. Dennis Sleich had a double for the evening and drove in two runs. Dave Pemberton started as pitcher.

The Senior Pirates won their first game on Wednesday, against the Red Sox 3-2 before darkness ended the game after six innings. Mark Goodwin of the Pirates had a double, bringing in the first run. Paul Tetreau began the pitching duties and was

relieved by Ronnie Morgan. He pitched a shut out for the remainder of the game.

Pitching the entire game for the Red Sox was Ed Krafft. Center fielder Walter Fogg drove in a run with his hit of the game.

The Minor Division plays their games on Saturday. You will hear more about them in the future. Here is where they put it all together preparing them for the Major and Senior Divisions.

All the Blue, Red, Yellow, Orange and Black hats with LL on them are worn by the future Senior players. These are the instructional divisions. Their coaches, who must have a mountain of patience, are explaining and teaching all those little things one thinks a baseball player automatically knows. They have hours of sliding, batting, catching, fielding, tagging and hitting.

The Senior and Major Division begin their games at 5:45 p.m. Refreshments are available, seats are free and the games enjoyable. Come watch the youth of Agawam play the sport of baseball at the Little League Field on School Street.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Hopkinton, Mass., residents at their April 9th town meeting overwhelmingly voted down a proposed ban on the discharge of firearms. The Framingham Sportsmen's Association, the Woodville Rod and Gun Club, the Southboro Rod and Gun Club, and the Mapenock Rod and Gun Club - all working under the umbrella of Gun Owners Action League - were instrumental in alerting area sportsmen and gun owners to the proposed ban.

When the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife adopted all-year fishing, I was opposed to it for the simple reason that it did away with opening day. Our children are losing too much of the old way of living, the fever of opening day, not only in the children, but in the parents as well, is a thing of the past and will never be known by future generations. On the other side of the ledger, our prediction that a loss of revenue would be felt has been borne out, a 20% drop in license sales has developed and is increasing each year.

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has publicized a need for some \$850,000 additional funding from license income over that of 1978. At various meetings and discussions on the matter, both the director and superintendent of the Division have admitted an expected "LOSS" in the number of licenses in the amount of 25,000 license holders.

One result of that loss will be a drop in funding of more than \$205,000 - calculated at today's single license cost; more if a portion of lost licenses are sporting classification. This means that the realistic budget requirement must be only around \$650,000, or that the three-dollar increase includes a bogey so that you must make up the loss.

I recall the last time and you should, too, when sportsmen agreed to pay an added dollar in their license to be used for land acquisition. The Division should have been buying some \$300,000 worth of new lands each year on the basis of that agreement. But the money goes instead to pay off a poorly-planned bond issue on one-time land purchases.

At the meeting the director agreed to work cooperatively for general fund financing of certain divisional costs that should not be allocated to the Fish and Game Fund. Unfortunately, there was little or no evidence of this

agreement when the matter reached a legislative subcommittee.

Specifically, in 1978, sportsmen paid \$178,000 toward the Division's retirement fund; paid \$182,000 toward Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage for division employees; and paid \$412,000 toward enforcement of the inland fish and game laws (of which enforcement there was very little). These costs, the Council of Sportsmen feels, should be borne by the General Fund of the Commonwealth.

The Council put on a hard drive towards this goal. Finally, the director contacted a council committeeman and advised that it looked good for getting some \$450,000 of gas tax rebate monies for the Division through legislative action. Remember the numbers: \$850,000 less \$206,000 in lost license sales, less \$450,000 in rebates, leaves only \$194,000 for the sportsmen to account for. That amount could be taken care of by a license increase of only 65 cents.

It also appears likely that legislation will be approved to shift a portion of the monies for law enforcement to the general fund - the sum under discussion is \$300,000. And further, there is a good chance of shifting the costs of insurance and retirement as well, or at least a portion of them.

If these things come to pass, even if only a part of them are legislated, there does not seem to be any basis for a license increase.

However, Vic Anop, attorney for the sportsmen, reports that the director is still going to ask for a \$2 increase. The director stated that this would again put the Division in a healthy surplus funding position, and he mentioned land acquisition and "other programs."

The position of the Mass. Sportsmen's Council remains unchanged. The Fish and Game Fund must be used for "fishing" and "hunting" augmentation; that is what it was created for. We are not interested in supporting "other programs" which are apt to be non-game and endangered species oriented.

These are my sentiments; what are yours? Contact your representatives and let him know how you feel about it.

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The following are from the same students at Phelps School-Room 3 - Grade 3:

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Valentina Rocca: I think New Year's Eve because you get to stay up and have lots of fun because you're celebrating a new year and a new day.

Maria Valego: Halloween because all the kids dress up and scare each other, but it's a good feeling, not a mad one.

Kara Tebaldi: I like Valentine's Day because people care for you and the love of their heart is like a cloud floating high in the sky, but most of all they care to send the very best.

Kelly Piccoli: I like Halloween because you get to scare a lot of people. You dress up and you get a lot of candy and maybe some money.

James Longhi: Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it is a giving season and you go over grandmother's. You play games and watch football while the dinner is cooking. You give thanks to God for everything.

Teresa Markiewicz: My favorite holiday is Easter because it is the time of the year when Jesus rose from the dead.

Christina Kastka: Valentine's Day is my best holiday because you can show your feelings and show how you care about someone.

Chester Wojcik: Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it's time for renewal. You can get together and have a good time.

Kirsti Duni: I like Thanksgiving because you Mother makes the best meal you ever had.

Tell us what makes you sad.

Christine David - Grade 3 - Robinson Park

What made me sad is when a car bumped into me. It hurt very much. I went to the hospital and they gave me x-rays. When I came home feeling miserable my mother and father made me eat meatloaf.

Anita Jane David - Grade 1 - Robinson Park

It made me sad when my sister got bumped from a car, because I love her and because I don't want her to get hurt and I get sad. The End.

If you could meet anyone famous, who would you want to meet and why?

The following are all from Phelps School, grade 2

Michael Cleavall: I would like to meet Gene Simmons because he can spit blood and fire. And he has big teeth on his boots. And because he plays the guitar my favorite instrument.

Nora E.: I think Mork is fabulous and I think Mork is good on T.V. Why do I like him? Because he's Mork and his words are Nezbir, Shaz bat and Na-no Na-no.

Michael Wood: I would like to meet Kiss because I like them. I like their songs they play too. I like Demon th emost and then Star Child and Space Ace and then Cat Man.

James Russell: If I could meet a famous person I would like to meet Shaun Cassidy because I like his shows and songs.

Sean Sear: If I could meet any person I would meet John Wayne. Why? I would like to meet him because we might move to California where my uncle went.

Pamela Nolan: I would like to meet Andy Gibb because he is cute and he is a good singer.

Cub Pack 75 Bound For Fenway Park

Cub Scout Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, would like to thank the management of Food Mart, Agawam, for their cooperation with their recent bake sale. The proceeds are going towards a trip to Fenway Park.

The cub scouts along with their families are planning to attend the Red Sox game against Oakland on May 12th. The bus will leave the church parking lot, rain or shine, at 10:30 that morning.

Tommy Padden: I would like to meet Kiss and I would like to meet Ace Frelee I would like to go to a Kiss concert.

Cari-Anne Chicoine: I would like to meet Dorothy Hamil. I like her. When I watch T.V. and ice skate is on, I like to watch her on T.V.

Susan LaFleur: I like Andy Gibb, I think he is sexy and nice. I have some albums of his. I hope when I get bigger he isn't too old for me because I want to marry him.

Linda Herbert: I would like to meet Cheryl Ladd. She is very good on Charlie's Angels. She is a beautiful girl. She can shoot good. She is the best girl on T.V. She is a very helpful girl. She wears very nice clothes. She is very nice and kind.

Sandra Azevedo: I would like to meet Sandra Dee in real person because my name is Sandra too. I have seen the movie Grease seven times and she is beautiful too.

We are reprinting some questions in case you didn't get your answers in the first time. And don't forget the poetry!!

What kind of T.V. programs do you like to watch and do you think there are enough good shows for kids you age? What would you like to be when you grow up and why? If you could meet any famous person in the world, whom would you like to meet and why?

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook

Lately, many people have been asking about herbs - how to grow them; where to grow them; and how to use them.

If you are new to growing herbs, stop and consider how you first became interested. As you were cooking, did you wonder if fresh herbs were superior to dried herbs as a seasoning? Did an article on landscaping with herbs intrigue you? Did a cup of fresh herb tea, offered by a friend, have a refreshing taste and aroma?

There are herbs for flavoring, for scent, or for medicinal purposes. There are Shakespearean herbs, Biblical herbs, and herbs used traditionally for landscaping.

The following list will help you decide which herbs you might like to grow where you live. These like full shade: mints, Sweet Woodruff, and Wood Betony. These like partial shade: Bee Balm, catnip, chamomile, chives, feverfew, scented geraniums, horseradish, lemon balm, lovage, mints, pennyroyal, tarragon, and yarrow. Many of these will still grow in a sunny spot.

The following are herbs

that will grow low to the ground and are very good to use in a rock garden: alliums, bedstraw, chives, creeping oregano, creeping rosemary, creeping winter savory, dwarf sage, lamb's ear, pennyroyal, rock rose, and many types of thyme.

Some herbs are very good ground cover. Use sweet woodruff in shade; mints, chamomile, and pennyroyal in semi-shade; and creeping germander, chamomile, thyme, and santolins in sunny spots.

Many herbs will make a very good cup of tea and are good for you at the same time. Use rosemary, mints, bee balm, catnip, chamomile, comfrey, hyssop, lemon balm, sage, sweet woodruff, feverfew, and lemon grass to make a refreshing drink of tea, hot or cold.

At another time I'd like to list some very good recipes for some different herb teas. Also the uses of herbs in cooking can be very interesting and healthful. I plan to devote one article to these uses. As they say on T.V... stay tuned...I'll be back...next week. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Soccer Tryouts Announced

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding tryouts for the Pioneer Valley League at the high school on the rear field off Line Street on May 19th at 1:30 p.m.

This will be the last chance to sign up for the Pioneer Valley League. Rain date will be May 26th. All coaches interested in coaching for the Pioneer Valley are asked to attend tryouts.

Teams will be based upon the number of participants in each age group. All participants who do not make Pioneer Valley are still eligible to play on the Inner-City League.

There will be another sign-up for the Inner-City League in June. Further details will be announced.

Since this is a new venture for the Agawam Soccer Association's entrance into the Pioneer Valley League, close attention will be paid to the results and success of this first year.

An important coaches meeting for both Pioneer Valley and Inter-City will be held on Sunday, May 27th, at the Agawam Youth Center at 7 p.m. All interested in coaching are urged to attend.



By Larry Bouchard

Riverside Park Speedway opens its doors Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., May 12, 1979, when the Speedway mod-squad kicks off their racing season. Riverside, who flies the Nascar banner again this year, will be running a 50 lap main event. Also, there will be the Figure 8 cars that always add excitement to the evening.

Expected to return to defend his title will be Stan

Gregor, who took the track title a year ago. Also set to return is Richie Evans who thus far this summer has taken 16 of 18 races he has run. Also, Jerry Cook, who will be chasing Evans for championship points, plus all the regular Riverside pilots. So, bring the family to beautiful Riverside Park for fun and Nascar Auto Racing, Saturday night. See you there.

Agawam Girl Takes First

Eleven-year-old Michelle Laurie of 245 Pineview Circle, Agawam, a sixth-grade student at St. Joseph-St. Thomas Aquinas School recently took first place in a nationwide French composi-

tion contest sponsored by the Artisan Cooplife for grades 4-10.

Michelle was one of over 2,500 participants in the New England area. Eleven of the twelve top prizes went to students of St. Joseph's St. Thomas Aquinas School.

Karam 'Nets' Tennis Record At AIC

Tony Karam, a junior accounting major from Agawam at American International College in Springfield, presently holds the best record in singles on the AIC tennis team.

Karam's record now stands at 4-2, while the overall team record is at 2-6.



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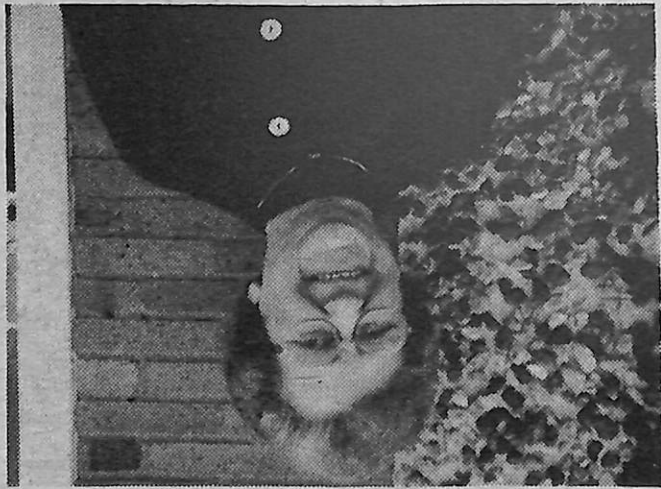
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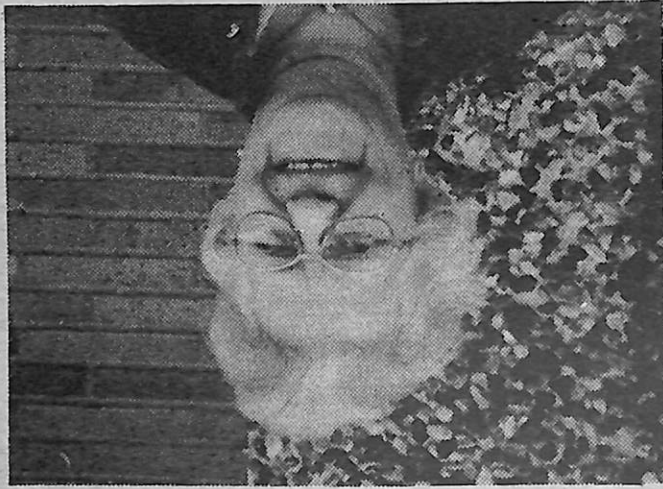
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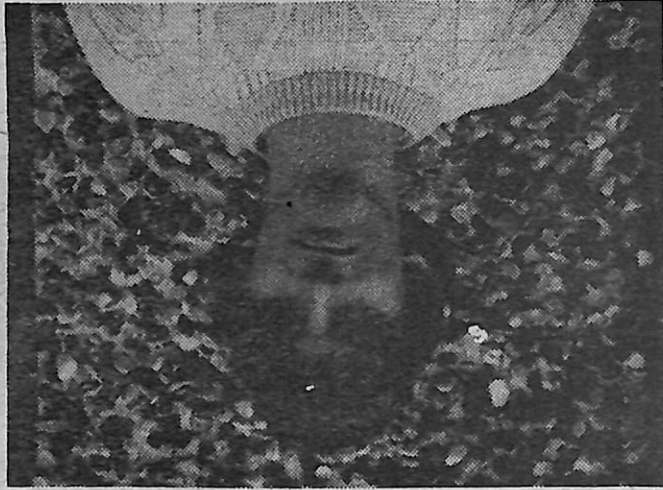
Happy Mother's Day!



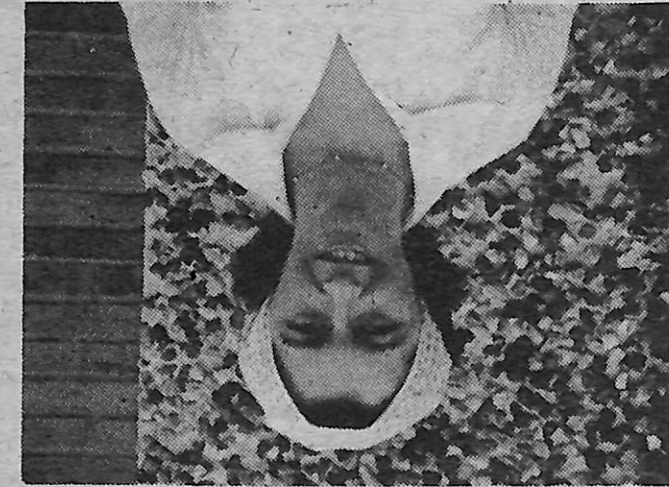
Victoria DeVirgilio: Happy Mother's Day to Cynthia Wantewski and Rosann Quink, both of Feeding Hills



Mary Labin: Happy Mother's Day to my daughter, Mary Ann Harkness of Holyoke.



Dan Champagne: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Doris.



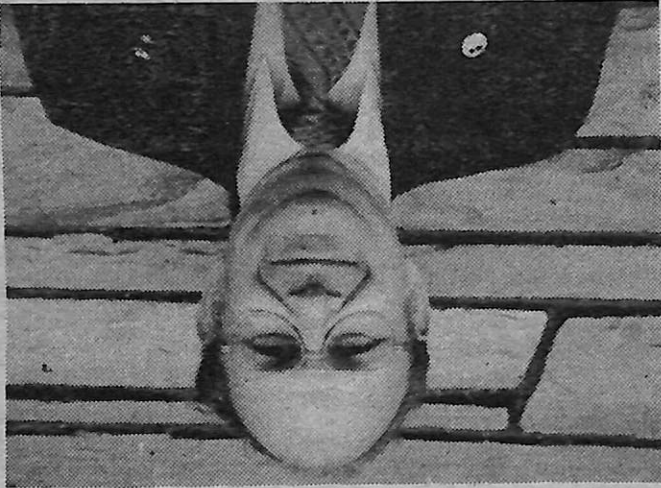
Judy Martin: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Leonia of Feeding Hills.



Joelle Theroux: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Paula.



Donna Shibley & son Eddy: Happy Mothers Day to Beverly Morasski of Agawam and Julia Shibley of West Springfield.



Dave Skolnik: Happy Mother's Day to my wife Barbara.



Sandy Grzeblem: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Freida of Agawam.



Denise Spring: Happy Mother's Day to my perfect daughter-in-law Betty Spring of Agawam.

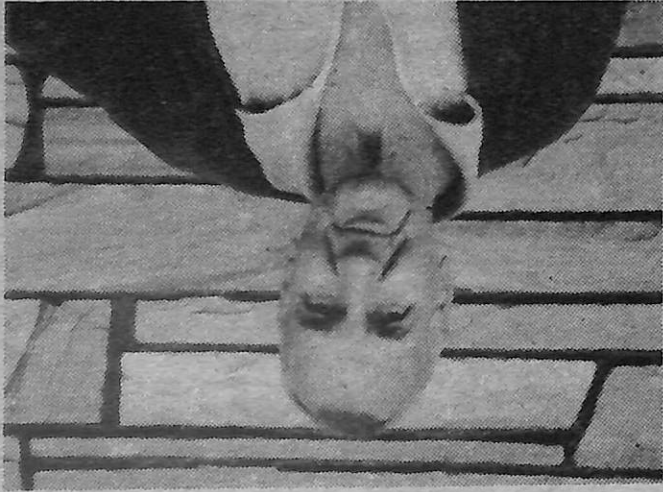
Andrew Montagna: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Rose.

Dave Smith: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Joy.

Cindy Griffin: Happy Mother's Day to my mother



Diane & Jake Haffner: Happy Mother's Day to Anna Miller of Feeding Hills.



Joe Duffield: Happy Mother's Day to my wife June.



Pat Brown: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Paula Repinac of Feeding Hills.



Brian Boyat: Happy Mother's Day to my mother Alice.



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TAG SALE: May 12 & 13. 10 to 4 p.m. 248 High Street, Agawam. Chain saw, books, teaching materials, household items.

TAG SALE: Moving May 11th thru May 13th. Rain or Shine. 44 Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills. Household items, electric appliances, flowers, vases.

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